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## National News

by Robert N. Taylor

### Black caucus threatens to hold up crime bill

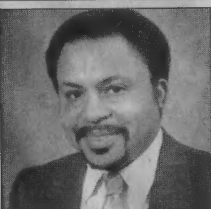
Members of the Congressional Black Caucus recently threatened to vote as a group to hold up passage of Congress' latest \$30 billion anti-crime bill. Having already complained that the bill favors punishment (longer sentences and more jails) over prevention (more social and rehabilitation programs), caucus members were further angered recently when President Clinton indicated that he would not fight for the racial justice provision in the bill. That provision would allow inmates sentenced to death to challenge the sentence if they could show statistically that there had been racial discrimination in handing down such sentences in the area where they were convicted.—WASHINGTON, D. C.

### Tutsi-led rebels appear victorious in Rwanda

A Tutsi-led rebel army has apparently achieved most of its major military objectives and last week began the process of establishing a new government in the war-torn and massacre-scarred central African nation of Rwanda. The fleeing Hutu-dominated Rwandan army was by week's end reported in disarray and headed for refuge in neighboring Zaire. The bloodshed in Rwanda began last April when country's president died in an airplane crash. The Hutu-led government accused Tutsi-led rebels of shooting down the plane and then sent the army and Hutu thugs on a killing spree in which thousands of Tutsi and moderate Hutu were murdered. Indeed, the Hutu led army spent more time killing civilians than it did fighting the rebels. As a result, the mostly Tutsi rebels have gained control of virtually every major province in the country including the capital of Kigali. The current fear is that the Tutsi may launch a wave of revenge killings. But they alleged that fear a bit last week when they appeared a moderate  
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## Bradley picks Harris for Federal Court

by Sherry Burrus



Federal Court nominee David Harris

What exactly does it take to be considered as a nominee to serve as a Federal District Court judge for the District of New Jersey?

Well, for Attorney David Harris it took a letter of appraisal from Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) to President Clinton recommending Harris for this position. The letter dated July 18, 1994 read as follows:

"I write to you to recommend David L. Harris, Esq., for a position on the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Harris is an outstanding attorney who possesses the highest of qualifications. I believe that he has the judicial temperament, intellect and experience to serve on the federal bench and I recommend him enthusiastically and without reservation for this important position."

"The men and women who sit on the federal bench must possess exceptional legal  
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## Rice accuses Rev. Jackson of 'lies and contradictions'

NEWARK—Ronald Rice, West Ward Councilman and State Senator, stated, in a written statement, that Reverend Reginald Jackson, political action committee chairman for United Clergy of the Oranges, is greatly deceiving the public by "outright lies and contradictions." He put forth in press releases and documents being circulated relative to African American leadership and the recent County Executive primary race.

"I respect the clergy," said Rice, "and I am not of the opinion that the majority of the clergy in the Oranges or outside agree with the way Rev. Jackson is confusing issues and creating division in the African American community."

According to Rice, the problem we face is not Cardinal Cooper or Tom Giblin. The problem is misinformation being circulated to confuse and suppress the public as well as the improprieties and irregularities alleged on both sides of the campaign (County Executive). Very specifically, the courts should be addressing the issues of voters rights to vote and

those who voted illegally. However, the process should move forward under the statute which governs it.

All citizens and voters in Essex County, like myself, stated Rice, should be appalled and outraged by any irregularities or improprieties which occur in any election, on the part of any candidate—black, white or otherwise. But, the appropriate setting for resolution of such charges, as with past elections, is still the courts. And, no African American leader in Newark or elsewhere should stand by and allow any person, even a member of the clergy, to continue to deceive and confuse the public with misinformation, contradictions or unfounded attacks that could lead to incorrect or erroneous interpretations of the truth, resulting from one-sided view without substantiation.

In his meeting and documents circulated to the public, Rev. Jackson and some  
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# James, Campbell say 'no' to takeover Cite Jersey City and Paterson, as failures

by Paul Joseph

The Newark Board of Education and City Mayor Sharpe James strongly affirm opposition to the possible state takeover of New Jersey's largest school district as proposed by the State Department of Education.

The Board denied allegations of fraud and mismanagement founded by the New Jersey Department of Education's Comprehensive Compliance Investigation, an announced external review of the district's governance, management, educational programs and fiscal practices after it has failed to achieve certification for the third time. The Board added that it is prepared to wage a legal battle with the state if an agreement could not be reached.

Board of Education president Evelyn Williams said a cooperative effort between the school system and the state would be more effective than a takeover. "We do not see state intervention as the panacea for all the concerns we face. We believe state intervention is a violation of home rule and an infringement on our right to educate and care for our children," she stated.

Newark Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell stated that in April, he, along with the help of Dr. Robert Peterkin, Director of

Urban Superintendent Program at Harvard University Graduate School of Education, had put together an education reform plan which was to be enacted immediately upon the Board's approval. The plan was submitted to the Education Department where it has been delayed, according to Campbell.

"The state has refused to engage in meaningful discussions regarding its view toward the plan or its willingness to work with Newark officials in a cooperative effort to improve the city's school system," he said. He added that the state seemed to be narrow in its view that only state intervention can answer the problems in Newark. "When you look at what is happening in Jersey City and Paterson, it is clear that state control has not produced the dramatic results state officials once promised," he said.

Campbell said that under his plan Newark students would accomplish three academic goals by the 1999 term limit. He said that students will understand calculus, show competency in foreign language and write a 25 page [literary] paper before graduating high school. "These goals are ambitious, but we believe that they are also achievable. It calls for rethinking our entire approach to education. In the past we have addressed the

## United Clergy: 'black leadership is in crisis'

EAST ORANGE—The United Clergy of the Oranges responded to Newark Councilman and State Senator Ronald Rice and other black elected leaders on the charges that the organization and its political action committee Chairman, The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, have been deceiving the public and dividing the black community with "lies and contradictions about black elected officials."

"What we have sought to do is hold them (black elected officials) accountable, expose their records and make our congregations and community aware of what is going on," says the United Clergy in a written statement.

"This has infuriated them. It is like the story of the man in the Bible who was born blind. No one was concerned or interested in the man while he was blind. But when the man started seeing, they got upset and criticized the man who gave him sight. Some of our black elected officials were not concerned or interested about their constituents

while they were unaware and uninformed about what was going on. But they're upset now because they're seeing, because more and more are becoming aware of what is going on and looking at their record.

The United Clergy offered the following list challenging Senator Rice to deny the allegations.

- In 1990 every black in the General Assembly voted to repeal the Quality Education Act taking millions of dollars from predominantly black school districts, including Newark, East Orange, Orange and Irvington, putting its interest of the party above their constituents. If just one had voted against it, it would not have passed.
- In 1990 after Tom D'Alessio was elected county executive, losing 16 of 21 cities, but being elected by winning the 5 predominantly black cities, the black clergy demanded the appointment of an interim  
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problems individually, but this reform plan calls for a systematic approach, that is, overhauling the entire Newark school system."

Campbell added that he has come up with

an alternative plan while they wait for the state to consider the Newark reform project. In August, when administrators return for the next school year, they will undergo teacher  
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BOE president Evelyn Williams, Dr. Robert Peterkin, president of the Division of Urban Superintendent Program at Harvard, and Supt. Eugene Campbell in a panel discussion regarding the state take over of Newark schools.

## Test Scores on rise for Plainfield students

Paul Joseph

Plainfield 11th graders scored higher on the High School Proficiency Test than the New Jersey Department of Education reported, but there is still room for improvement, according to district school officials.

A combination of the test results from October and April showed 79.8 percent of high school students passed the reading portion of the test, 85 percent passed the writing, and 75 percent passed the mathematics portion.

According to Plainfield Board of Education members, the state reported only the fall scores which indicated that only 56.7 percent passed the reading, 75 percent passed the writing and only 47.9 percent passed math portions of the test. Acting Deputy Superintendent Anthony Dentino said during a press conference.

Although the district's passing rate increased, they failed to achieve the 85 percent Maximum Level of Proficiency required by the State in reading and mathematics. However, it achieved the MLP in the area of writing.

In the fall of 1993, 139 out of 254 juniors who took the exam for the first time passed the reading portion of the test, 182 succeeded in the writing portion, and 115 in the mathematics portion. Students who failed one or more portions of the test received extra tutoring and classes to help boost their chances during the spring examination.

By April, 56 more students scored better on the reading part, 24 in writing and 68 scored better in math. The second time, 162 Plainfield tests were processed.

School Acting Superintendent Dr. Ronald

Frye and Board of Education President Cory Storch, in a joint statement, said they were encouraged by the rise in scores but feel that they could and should be better.

"We've seen some improvements in scores, but we're happy about that, but overall, we're not happy with the scores. We know that they could be higher than they are," Storch said.

He also added the school system needs to move away from the idea of minimum level of proficiency. "It's not a minimum level of proficiency where there's competition for jobs, where the jobs are going and the kind of jobs that people will be doing now and in the future that students who graduate at the minimum level of proficiency are not going to be competitive in this country in this world," he said.

Frye credits the better scores to changes that have taken place in the curriculum during the past four years. Teachers stressed the skills that the pupils will need to perform well in the state-approved tests, and teaching approaches were revamped to teach higher order thinking skills rather than rote learning," he said.

He also said that during the 1992-93 school year, a new state-of-the-art reading and language arts program was put into place and new math books were purchased. Algebra was being taught to younger children.

"The district has moved from a low point four years ago when fewer than 75 percent of the students were able to meet the MLP required by the state, he said. "Today, at least 75 percent of the students in the district meet or exceed the requirements in math, reading and writing."

Dentino pointed out that the students have  
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## Community Calendar

### NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 4

**TRENTON**—The New Jersey State Museum will host an exhibit on American bird figures by English artist Dorothy Doughty. For more info call 609-292-6308.

### NOW THRU AUGUST 4

**PLAINFIELD**—The Literacy Volunteers of America will have a Basic Reading Tutor Reading Workshop. Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All workshops will be held at the Plainfield Public Library Meeting Room. For more info call 908-755-7598.

### TUESDAYS, THRU AUGUST 2

**PLAINFIELD**—The Dept. of Recreation sponsors Dancing in the Streets with the Muppet Band from 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at Liberty Park. For more info call 908-753-3097.

### MONDAYS, THRU AUGUST 15

**WESTFIELD**—Women for Women of Union County has moved to the Westfield Presbyterian Church on Mountain Ave. They start each weekly summer drop in program which is a self help group for women who share feelings and gain support. For more info call 908-233-5787.

### NOW THRU AUG. 15

**PLAINFIELD**—Literacy Volunteers of America will start a workshop entitled "English as a Second Language at the Public Library. All sessions are on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 908-755-7998.

### SUNDAY, JULY 24-30

**WAYNE**—"Summer Jazz Improvisation Workshop." Headed up by Plainfield Norman Simmons, bassist Todd Goodman, drummer John Riaz and saxophonist David Densley for high school and college students. To register call 201-595-2288 or 201-595-2436.

### WEDNESDAY JULY 27

**PLAINFIELD**—There will be a meeting of the Plainfield Redevelopment Agency at City Hall from 4:17:30 p.m. for more information call 201-595-3502.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Jersey City Museum features Gallery Talk. A discussion between sculptors and their works at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 201-547-4379.

### FRIDAY, JULY 29 & 30

**NEWARK**—SHARE NJ is sponsoring a food distribution in Plainfield, Elizabeth, Hillsdale, Union, Summit, and Roselle. For more information call 1-800-213-2789 or 201-344-2400.

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

**NEWARK**—Become a sponsor for the Muslim Community Family Picnic and Bazaar at Weequoic Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more info call 609-623-5000.

### AUGUST 5 THRU 7

**SOMERSET**—"I Am..." Academy will hold a Great Escape Mini Spa Retreat for women of African ancestry, and/or women who want to learn more about afrocentric and holistic leadership development. Day care is available. For more info call 908-699-0905.

## Plainfield legend passes

by Sherry Burrus

Funeral services were held last Thursday for one of Plainfield's most active civil rights leaders; Reverend Frank Allen, who died July 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center at the age of 90.

Rev. Allen began his civil rights career at the age of sixteen, when he joined the Marcus Garvey "Back To Africa" Movement.

The Howard University graduate joined the NAACP, where he began his fight for fair political representation and the integration of the city's school system. He held both president and vice-president positions on the NAACP board from 1967 to 1985.

Rev. Allen's most recent involvement included his membership on The Board of Trustees for United Plainfield Housing and Second Street Youth Center. He received an abundance of honors, merits and awards from the NAACP, City of Plainfield and Board of Freeholders, and has had a housing complex, Frank Allen Village, named after him.

In the 1980's Rev. Allen and his daughter Phyllis founded the African-American Foundation. The purpose of the foundation was to study the history of the contributions of African Americans to the history of New Jersey and, at one time, attempted to study Rev. Allen and his late wife Sarah Jackson's roots.

According to Phyllis Allen, her father received great recognition and exaltation for his dedicated service to his fellow man.

"He will be remembered for his service to the community and being a leader for civil rights movement for over fifty years. He was kind and



The late Reverend Frank Allen.

sympathetic to everyone."

During his struggle to improve the lives of African Americans, Rev. Allen touched the lives of many people he came in contact with. One of those persons, Alvin Hester who is associated with the Act-So program of the Plainfield NAACP chapter, worked with Rev. Allen, during his presidency of the NAACP, on voter registration and anti-drug marches.

"When you think about war the first person that goes in goes in as infantry; they do all of the low fighting and after that they might send in some air force guys to set up a building or build a road. Well, to me, Reverend Allen was the guy who was always under fire. He was always out in the front," commented Hester.

According to Hester, Allen will be remembered most as a leader of integration. He was responsible for the hiring of Marshall Brown, the first African American teacher in the Plainfield School Systems back in the 50's.

## Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

### Your ideas upset me

1. "I really enjoy the wonderful advice that you give to people to help them solve their problems. I enjoy your no-nonsense advice, and I haven't missed one of your columns in 10 years."

Ms. J., Milwaukee.

2. "Your ideas about how people can live happy lives are wonderful. Your ideas about racism and other similar problems are all wrong. You should show people how to get rid of the problems in their lives, but you should stop writing about the issues of racism because it upsets me."

Ms. R., Boston.

The two paragraphs above were taken from two letters that I received recently. They show the wide-range of opinions that people have about my columns. When I began to write "Coping," 15 years ago, I was singularly interested in giving people advice that they could use to overcome their personal problems, such as stress, marital problems, lack of confidence, problems in finding a member of the opposite sex for dating, overweight and other related problems.

Unfortunately, racism, discrimination and bias lie at the heart of most of the problems that black people have. Your letters prove this point. I have written columns about every issue in psychology under the sun, but when I write about racial issues, I receive a ton of letters (which I love to get). Many of the letters say "Right on, Dr. Faulkner. Everything that you say about racism is correct." Some letters say, "Why don't you stop writing about racism. You don't know what you are talking about."

The fact is that I would like to write columns to the world about how to solve troublesome personal problems. As a black writer, however, I confront acts of prejudice everyday. The factor that affects the lives of black people more than any other, and that causes more personal problems than any other is racial discrimination and racial disrespect. It is overwhelming. I am the only outlet that thousands of black people have for the expression of their frustration and the resolution of their problems.

It is virtually impossible for me to refrain from writing occasional articles about the problem that is foremost in the lives of approximately 30 million black Americans. Yet, in the fifteen years in which I have been writing this column, of the 1000 columns that I have written only 40 have dealt with the issue of racism. The second most popular issue that I write about is the problems surrounding black male-female relationships. I receive hundreds of interesting concerned letters from you whenever I write about this issue.

It is clear that many black males and females are lonely. They are lonely because a wall of assumptions, prejudices, lies, and false, stand between them and the opposite sex. Not only do most men and women not know what to believe and disbelieve about each other, they do not know how to obtain truthful information about each other. In most cases, it is better to accept negative myth, rather than initiate positive interactions. For black people, racism is the basis for many of the myths that black males and females have about each other.

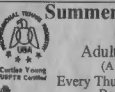
As a counselor, writer, and black male, I feel an obligation to write occasionally about these issues. I want to help you so, please write and let me know what issues are of concern to you so that I can write about them. Write me at P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

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## NBUF receives \$150,000 grant

**NEWARK**—The National Black United Fund (NBUF) has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan.

William T. Merritt, President and CEO of the organization stated, "the first BUF was spearheaded by an African-American program officer at the Engine Foundation, the late visionary Walter Brumard. Brumard developed a mechanism by which organizations could systematically build and strengthen communities through a long-standing tradition within Black communities, volunteerism and mutual aid."

The National Office was conceived in 1972 as an umbrella agency for BUF's promoting charitable giving among African Americans. NBUF promotes philanthropy and self-reliance and provides financial and technical support to affiliate BUFs and other critical programs.

BUFs such as Black United Fund of New Jersey have contributed to raising over \$40 million dollars in total black philanthropic funds over the years, supporting educational, cultural, socio-economic and social justice programs and institutions in inner city and rural regions.

## DeLacy Davis receives Renault Robinson Award

**EAST ORANGE**—The National Black Police Association (NBPA) has named East Orange police officer De Lacy Davis national recipient of their highest honor, the Renault Robinson Award.

Davis was selected from a field of 4,000 police officers around the country.

"...Despite the difficulties that I have faced on a continual basis, the death threats, economic sanctions, the isolation by co-workers and my police chief's refusal to meet with me, this award substantiates my position."

"Law enforcement can no longer take a lockstep up and throw away the key approach to the urban crisis. African-American and Latino officers have a particular responsibility to the urban community. We are truly the role models who can genuinely make a difference in the lives of our children..."



Officer DeLacy Davis

## Haitian democracy

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not tolerate the drug dealers. out. They are keeping Aristide out until February when his term is over so that they can implant another puppet leader," said Rev. Delard.

He also told the crowd of African Americans that they would be concerned with what is going on in Haiti because of the shared ancestry.

"What we need to understand is when you attack one Jew in Jerusalem, the other Jew in the United States feels the hurt. As blacks, we must understand that when one black is hurt, all blacks are hurt. Freedom for one black is freedom for all blacks."

Maxwell T. Smith, president of the Africa-Network Organization urged the crowd not to be fooled by the

media or the Clinton administration. He stated that Aristide was overthrown by the U.S. government since the coupe leaders were trained here in the U.S.

"They count on our ignorance so that they can play around us. We need to target Aristide's enemies in the U.S. government and tell them they need to stop."

POP called upon area leaders to speak out on the Haitian crisis since there is a great amount of Caribbean concentrated population in the Greater Newark area.

"If we are concerned about liberating South Africa, some 30,000 miles away, we need to fight for freedom right in our own backyard."

POP plans to organize a demonstration in front of the Newark Federal Building on August 3.

## EOP students honored

**NEWARK**—NJIT's Educational Opportunity Program recently honored eight outstanding students from the class of 1994. The students who reside in Newark, Irvington and East Orange received degrees in Industrial Engineering, Architecture, Law Industrial Engineering, Computer and Information Science, Applied Mathematics and biomedical engineering.



Graduates Nancy Eugene received her degree in Computer and Information Science and Eveno Manasse in applied Mathematics.



Graduates (L-R) Jairo J. Rios earned his degree in Architecture, Carla G. Jones earned her degree in Industrial Engineering, Nilsadey Odoi Adjepong-Otu earned his in Architecture, and Derek D. Lee Law Industrial Engineering.



Graduates Dielanda J. Dumay (L) earned a degree in Industrial Engineering and Sanjay Fernando earned his degree in Biomedical Engineering.


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# OPINION EDITORIAL

## A wake up call

Once again, the Newark Board of Education is being threatened with a possible takeover from the state. Once again, an elected Newark official is indicted on corruption charges. Once again, state test results show that an entire community's future could be left in the hands of an unprepared growing generation. Once again, those recently voted into public office promised the African community panaceas for its many problems. Promises, which have remained just that for almost two decades.

Where are the voters, the concerned parents and the good, law-abiding citizens who pay taxes?

In the last Newark local elections, only five percent of the city came out to cast a ballot. At a board of education meeting fewer than twelve concerned parents were present.

It is time for the citizens in urban communities to wake up. Wake up and see how the children are labeled "special-need." Wake up and see how they live in neighborhoods where a drug dealer is the father figure; where elders are afraid to venture out into the streets for fear of their own grand children, and where the promises of a better day roll from the political chambers like a cascading waterfall into the deaf ears of an apathetic constituency.

It is time for the citizens of Newark and other urban communities to wake up from their trance and take charge. It is time that they wake up from the intoxicating apathy and demand better education, greater accountability and ethical standards before it's too late.

### Letters to the Editor

## Whitman moves to seize \$435,000 from Plainfield

Dear Editor:

The Whitman administration's attempt to raid Plainfield's urban enterprise zones to the tune of \$435,000 will considerably undermine efforts to revitalize the city's commercial and retail districts.

The Administration is moving to seize the \$435,000 as part of a questionable \$15 million raid of Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) assistance funds in order to help balance the state budget. The UEZ program enables specially designated municipalities to charge a reduced state sales tax. The tax collection in these areas are then used to promote new economic activity and job creation.

This raid of UEZ money is the latest, in a series of administration-engineered attacks that will result in higher property taxes for Plainfield and other municipalities in coming years.

There is no guarantee that the UEZ money will be restored. According to the slick language of the budget, any potential return of UEZ funds, "subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting." That's a far cry from an iron clad promise.

It is clear that the Whitman administration and the Republican-controlled legislature are using the UEZ funds to offset lost revenue from the second phase of Whitman's 30-percent tax cut. And the residents and merchants of Plainfield could be the next victims of that fiscal shell game.

Assemblyman Gerald Green (Plainfield)

## Uninformed about Africa

Dear Editor:

As a regular reader of your paper, I applaud the diversity of topics covered which are of interest to the African-American community. In particular the "Coping" column by Dr. Faulkner, which is extremely valuable and more worthwhile to people than the traditional "Dear Abbey" types.

However, the African portion of your paper leaves much to be desired. While I know it is important, a disproportionate amount of space has been devoted to the South African situation. I say this because most of this information is readily available elsewhere.

The same applies to Somalia. Both of these countries are regularly covered in the national media, including the New York Times, Time, Newsweek and the nightly news on TV. But not much is ever included about other places.

For instance, Liberia has been in the throws of civil war for the past four years, yet very little news is ever available. The only thing I've seen was regarding the atrocities committed on the food shortage.

Nothing has been written about the peace accords, the seating of the new government, the intervention by the United Nations "peacekeeping" force, the lack of interest by the U.S. in one of its oldest and closest allies.

This lack of interest meticulously appeared when the Soviet Union collapsed, making most of Africa no longer of strategic importance to the U.S. Whatever happened to the moral importance, economic, social, medical?

Many of your readers come from West Africa. (Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, etc.) It would seem appropriate that articles about these places appear from time to time and not just pictures of visiting clergymen when they happen through for some convention or to seek donations from their "rich" American relations.

For some, your paper might be the only source of information about their homeland. Authoritative reporting on subjects not covered elsewhere would also, in my opinion, greatly enhance the reputation of your paper.

I hope you take this criticism in the spirit it is intended. Your paper is otherwise a fine local contribution.

Thank you

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by Connie Woodruff

There are a lot of Horatio Alger personalities in Newark and elsewhere throughout the state, who like the hero of storybook fame rose from the ranks of the disadvantaged to positions of prominence and privilege.

The Horatio Alger stories were designed to teach us a lesson about how diligence, perseverance and hard work would eventually get us the good life.

Many of those who enjoy the good life today did little more than persuade their families, friends and well meaning community folks to elect them to public office.

These contemporary Horatio Alger use their glib tongues, oratorical skills and charisma to put themselves out of the photo instead of the proverbial bootstraps.

It's really a different world where modern public relations gimmicks have replaced a record of achievement that can stand the scrutiny of time.

Once again Newark has been rocked by scandals involving prominent and familiar community "leaders," who if found guilty of charges lodged against them, should suffer the consequences for their evil deeds.

We must not consider them guilty

until they have had their day in court or should be judge them innocent until proven to be so beyond a reasonable doubt. That is the American way and that is why we have courts, juries, judges and laws, every citizen is obliged to respect and live up to.

Larrie West Stalks was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges alleging federal conspiracy, bribery, extortion and theft in connection with an alleged scheme involving service.

The recent indictments of Larrie West Stalks, the Essex County Register and her husband, Fred, have rocked political circles from one end of the state to the other.

For the lesser part of a week, politicians and ordinary people have talked about little else. Speculation on the guilt or innocence of the well known couple is running high. That is to be expected given their high visibility in the community and perception of power in politics.

It is indeed a sad ending to a political career Ms. Stalks has nurtured for some 40 years dating back to her entry into the political arena as a Democratic state legislator in the old Third Ward where she became the ward's vice chairlady under the late Charlie Matthews.

Larrie Stalks' climb up the political ladder was not particularly diffi-

cult but it required determination, preparation and perseverance. She honed her political skills extremely well, learning how to swim with the sharks of every hue and fine tuning her will to achieve and survive with the most vicious barracudas in the political jungles of Newark and Essex County.

Her name became synonymous with national politics when as a young woman she was appointed a home secretary of another young Dem., Congressman Hugh Addonizio. Together they gradually built Newark into a dynasty for the Democratic Party and turned Essex County into a Democratic stronghold second only to the city of Jersey on Hudson County.

When Addonizio quit congress to become mayor of Newark, Stalks and many other African Americans became city hall fixtures and consultants for the distribution of patronage in his administration. It was the real beginning of power and prestige for Stalks-West faction.

Larrie was the first African American director of Health and Welfare, her brother Calvin West was the first black elected councilman-at-large, later becoming the city's first civil defense coordinator.

Ms. Stalks has also served a term with UNESCO (appointed by President Jimmy Carter), secretary and

member of the Democratic State Committee and a number of other major and minor entities of city and county government.

She headed the group that originally sponsored the Hill Manor apartments for low income families in the 1960's. At the time it was the most sought-after housing complex in Newark's Central Ward and offered for the convenience of tenants and neighbors in the vicinity, a mini-mall that over the years has housed services like dry cleaning, a laundromat, Chinese take-out, apparel and wig store, record store, bakery, for a brief period a motor vehicle office, grocery and drug store.

Through the years, her husband, a retired postal clerk, has been her constant companion. While she preferred to concentrate on politics, he devoted much of his "spare time" to working with the Central Ward (Newark) Boys Club and Frontiers International, a service club for adult men. Several years ago she became a patron for the Central Ward Girls' Club and for many years was chairwoman of the Newark NAACP's Life Membership Unit.

Both were spared the embarrassment of arrest and will be arraigned shortly before the U.S. District Judge in Newark, Trenton or Camden.

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## Accept no excuses for the failure to educate children

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent



The recent New Jersey Supreme Court unanimous ruling declaring the state's school funding law unconstitutional, reaffirms past court rulings that a

spending disparity, which exists between the poorest districts in New Jersey and the wealthiest districts, must be bridged if every student is to receive their constitutionally guaranteed right to "thorough and efficient" education.

Hopefully the legislature will not continue to drag its feet and force the court to intervene once again, further delaying efforts to give all students educational opportunities. The spend-

ing gap continues to widen every year between rich and poor school districts. The longer it takes to close the gap, only results in hundreds of thousands of young people unable to fairly compete with their peers on an equal playing field. Poverty, crime and steady economic and social deterioration are all direct negative outcomes of this failure to solve our educational issues.

In the mandate issued by the Court for the state to start closing the monetary gap between rich and poor school districts, it clearly laid out the expectation that the State Department of Education carefully scrutinize, supervise and monitor districts receiving additional funds to ensure that the money is wisely spent on children to directly affect and improve their education.

This mandate is absolutely essential and must be strictly enforced if children and not bureaucrats, organized industries, groups etc. are to enjoy the benefits and rewards of additional fund-

ing and increased opportunities.

While many will balk and protest, it's certainly fair that taxpayers expect better accountability and improved academic results from school districts paid to receive additional funding. In fact, if children are to really benefit from the court ruling, significant changes will have to occur in these districts in critical areas such as curriculum, programs, administration, teaching, supervision and evaluation.

Districts can't afford to stick to the same old tired game plans and gimmicks. Show and tell pick public relations tactics that offer a look "shove" without substance can no longer be tolerated.

Significant and measurable improvements must be made in those "special needs" districts that will get more money. The hard working taxpayers shouldn't accept any more excuses for continued waste and embarrassing results.

Those who earn their living off the backs of our children, yet want to continue to whine, talk about and constantly complain or look for external reasons or factors as to why there aren't improvements, need to resign or look elsewhere for employment. We need to put a stop to people who just want to work in these districts and receive top salaries and benefits yet, only want to put forth minimal effort. The message has to be loud and clear, if you don't like the kids, the working conditions, and can't handle the challenges, then get out and go work somewhere else!

Accountability at every level is needed. The legislature and governor must be held accountable for complying with the Supreme Court's order to

achieve spending parity in a deliberate and expeditious manner. The State Education Department has to ensure that they fairly regulate and monitor the uses of additional funding to guarantee that it's being used to provide students with educational success. Local school districts must develop Educational Improvement Plans that honestly and realistically address the problems faced without relying on bandage approaches that offer only cosmetic changes. If everyone does their part, then the children will directly benefit, and to will all of society at large.

The Education Law Center in Newark with its dedicated and hard working staff should be commended for the tremendous amount of work and effort put forth on this case, which has thus far spanned over a 13 year period. In particular, the leadership, guidance and perseverance of Marilyn Morheuser, executive director of the Education Law Center in Newark, can only be summed up as remarkable.

Ms. Morheuser has tirelessly continued to fight this battle for quality education over the last few years and has educated, enlightened and informed the general public about the importance of the issue and impact on all our lives. Her dedication, determination, and tenacity are certainly admired and respected and serve as a example of a truly remarkable individual who live by her deeds as well as her words.

If all goes as it should, and it seldom does, then it won't be necessary to go back to the Supreme Court to fight for the rights of children in these poor urban districts to obtain their guaranteed constitutional rights.

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## Kids Kalendar

NOW THRU JULY 31

**MILLBURN**—The Paper Mill Playhouse will present "Peter Pan" a musical for all ages, based on the book by James M. Barrie. For more info, call 201-376-4343. Groups call 201-379-3636 ext. 2438.

NOW THRU AUGUST 19

**PATERSON**—The Paterson Free Public Library is sponsoring a "Summer Vacation Reading Club" for youngsters of all ages. It will feature prizes and parties for all who participate. For more info, call the Children's Room at 201-257-5002.

NOW THRU AUGUST 19

**PLAINFIELD**—Registration is taking place at Plainfield Action Services, 510 Watching Ave., for FREE back-to-school supplies for children in grades K-6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays. Only Plainfield residents are eligible for supplies. Organizations wishing to donate can contact Betty Blake at 908-753-3519.

**FAST ORANGE**—"Summer in the City" presents "Salute to America" theme for their latest 11 a.m. For more info, call 201-266-2617/5123. For hearing impaired call TTY-NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

JULY THRU AUGUST 24

**MOUNTAINSIDE**—Registration is still being accepted for summer workshops at the Trailside Nature & Science Center will host seven "Wednesday Matinees." They will have puppets, magic, music, drama and films 1:30 pm. Groups rates available. For more info, call 908-789-3670.

JULY 13 - AUG. 24

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield Public Library will have Game Day at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 7. For more information call 908-757-1111.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

**PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield Public Library will feature a film program for ages 3 to 7 at 11:00 a.m. and for ages 8 and up at 2:00 p.m.

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## Ferguson receives Beard award



**MORRISTOWN**—Latoya Ferguson of Newark, received the Lucile C. Beard Award, at the graduation ceremonies of the Morristown Beard School on June 11. The award is presented to that young woman in the senior class who has shown the greatest all-around improvement.

## Teenager writes 'thank you' to role model Oprah Winfrey

**WASHINGTON**—With help from a high school guidance counselor, Marcia James, 17, of Newark, N.J., wrote the following for a college application essay. The St. Vincent academy senior said the question of the essay was: "If you could talk to anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and what would you say?"

by Marcia James

In everyone's life there are people we admire. We frequently seek them out for advice and look to them as role models. Sometimes we put too much pressure on them by having high expectations that only superheroes could meet.

Oprah Winfrey is a person who has been faced with these high expectations, yet has come to grips with herself and her worldwide fame. She is a person of great achievement, having won numerous awards. She is viewed by nearly 20 million television watchers each day and one of the only in the city. African-Americans to own her own television and film production facility. In addition, she is estimated to be worth \$250 million. Ms. Winfrey has all these accomplishments to her credit. However,

she had to learn the hard way that fame and money do not make up for life's struggles.



Having lived through a traumatic adolescence and been the object of tremendous ridicule because of her weight, Ms. Winfrey has developed a sense of self-worth that I truly admire. For many years, she has fought with herself about her weight and had lived with the scars of incest, rape and many other difficult experiences. Fortunately, today she is a changed woman with a new attitude.

After years of introspection, Ms.

Winfrey is finally content with her physical state. She is also emotionally secure after verbally releasing the painful feelings of her awful childhood. The Oprah Winfrey I idealize is the Oprah Winfrey who has learned to overcome obstacles and to rise above them. Ms. Winfrey no longer dwells on other's views of her because she knows who she is. She is secure within herself and is pleased with her achievements. These are the traits I wish to embrace to become the Marcia I seek. I too, am an overweight person. Everyday I am subjected to ridicule by my peers and sometimes loved ones. I try to stay strong because I know that they are only words, yet they cut so deeply. Talking to Ms. Winfrey and benefiting from her knowledge and wisdom would help put my life into perspective. Feeling more secure about myself is what I want, and talking openly and honestly to someone who understands could be the first step.

Ms. Winfrey has all the qualities that I wish to develop within myself. She is caring, dedicated and committed to the causes, values and people.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## Teens benefit from \$250,000 grant

**NEWARK**—Jerek Brackett, an 11-year-old resident of Newark's Norfolk Street, has high hopes for his neighborhood. He wants to see his community free from the influences of drugs, crime and violence. And he wants adults to help him and his peers avoid the pitfalls that cause so many urban youth to stumble.

A unique partnership between UMDNJ-University Hospital and Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministries (MEM) is intent on making Jerek's dreams for his community come true, through a program called The Youth Network.

In late June, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation added its support to the program by awarding The Youth Network with a \$250,000 grant. Jerek Brackett was one of more than 10 young people present when the check was presented to University Hospital and MEM officials recently.

Combining the efforts of Newark's only public hospital with those of area churches, The Youth Network will focus on urban teenagers deemed "at-risk." Volunteer substance abuse counselors, parenting support groups and a one-on-one

mentoring program are among the tactics to be employed by The Youth Network.

"The deterioration of our cities, crime, violence and drug addiction is the harbinger of the 20th century," said Eric Munoz, M.D., UMDNJ's medical director. "The Youth Network is a way for us to help our young people turn the tide."

According to Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

"We're all dealing with the same people, it makes sense to combine our forces and our resources."

With the grant from RWJ Foundation, The Youth Network will serve approximately 100 young people from five churches in Newark, East Orange and Irvington. Each church will assemble groups of 20 teens for after-school sessions.

Volunteers, trained by University Hospital medical staff, will serve as counselors and provide substance abuse preventive education programs.

For more information on The Youth Network, contact Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministries at 201-481-6650.



Members of the Youth Network accompanied by UMDNJ and MEM Officials.

## Christ and Culture: a youth leadership development caravan

**PLAINFIELD**—First Park Baptist Church, is currently holding its summer "Youth Leadership Development Caravan" symposium from July 18 through August 4.

The program focuses on bridging the gaps in cultural awareness among high school seniors between the ages of 16 and 20 in racially diverse communities.

The caravan was proposed as a polite project in urban ministry in connection with First Park's Field Education Program and was designed as the church's response to the recent conflict between African-American

and Latino residents.

It features workshops in Christian living community projects, including bible study, cultural awareness activities, and special field trips to explore the diverse cultural advantages of New York City.

The program will conclude with a festive celebration of it's cultural diversity called "International Night." A traditional folklore, a native cuisine and art show is planned for August 5 from 5 p.m. For more information contact Minister Brinsoq at 908-756-7670 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



Suburban Scholars Lanisha Makie, left, of East Orange, and Angela Jenkins, also of East Orange, are congratulated by Irene Nichols, principal of Clifford Scott High School, second from right and Yvonne Hunter-Huff, guidance counselor at Clifford Scott High School after receiving their Suburban Clevelation Scholarship Program awards at the first Suburban Clevelation Scholarship Banquet. Makie, who graduated from Blair Academy in Blairtown, will be attending Smith College. She received a merit award of \$500, which was awarded to 10 finalists selected by the Scholarship Committee. Jenkins who will be attending Johns Hopkins University, received one of five scholarships, which is worth \$5,000 over four years.

## Students study real life math problems

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Forty high school juniors and seniors are presently participating in the Young Scholars Program in Discrete Mathematics at Rutgers University's Rutgers' Center for Mathematics, Science and Computer Education until Aug. 5.

The students, selected from more than 70 applicants, are spending four weeks of summer examining and applying mathematical concepts not often taught in high school.

The residential program provides students with a fun and challenging mathematics experience. It also provides information about careers in the field of mathematics and encourages students to consider pursuing math-related careers.

Among topics to be covered during the summer are graph theory, combinatorics, number theory, fractals, algorithms and LOGO, a computer programming language.

The program includes lectures, field trips, computer activities and workshops on careers in the mathe-

matical sciences. Social activities are planned for the evenings. Students live on the Busch campus weekdays and return home for weekends.

This year's students also will work on research projects in mathematics from AT&T and Bellcore.

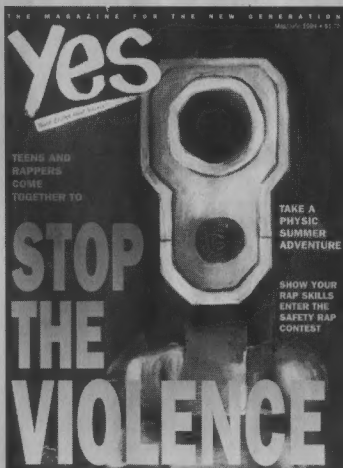
"This experience allows the students to get involved with real life projects being pursued on the job by mathematicians," said Michelle Bartley Taylor, coordinator for the program. "These are not projects created for the students, they are the actual research being done in these companies."

Applicants are nominated for the program by a high school teacher and must complete an application, write an essay and provide teacher recommendations and a transcript. The most crucial factor in the selection process is based on student performance on a set of 15 mathematical problems included in the application kit.

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## Religious Calendar

AUGUST 1-7

**PLAINFIELD**—Crosses of Life Lutheran Church will host its first Family Vacation Bible School entitled "Exploring God's Kingdom" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For registration call 908-755-6788.

AUGUST 8-14

**PLAINFIELD**—Faith Tabernacle Outreach Ministries, under the leadership of Bishop Herbert L. Bright, Sr., will hold its 10th annual Holy Convocation at the Clark Ramada Hotel. There will be daily workshops and services and a free concert on August 8 featuring gospel recording artist Donald Mallory. For more information contact Pastor Andrea Jovey at 908-757-6588.

**EAST ORANGE**—Summer in the City presents an "Afternoon of Gospel Music" at Sovoral Park from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 201-265-5147/5123. For hearing-impaired call TTY: New Jersey Relay 1-800-7887.

SATURDAY AUGUST 27

**NEWARK**—WJRB Productions presents a black in food and wine dinner benefit for The Lighthouse at the Newark Club from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m., featuring internationally acclaimed musician Bob Johnson and the Jaxx at the Hill. For more info call 923-4787 or 201-705-4677.

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# America's night out against crime

**PLAINFIELD**—Cities in New Jersey will join all other cities throughout the country to take a stand against crime on Tuesday, August 2.

This occasion marks the 11th Annual "National Night Out" Crime/Drug Prevention event. Neighborhoods throughout New Jersey are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities.

National Night Out will involve over 8,600 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities

and military bases around the world.

Residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

In Plainfield, there will be a Children's Night Out held at Park Madison, information to follow The Crime Prevention Event will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln School with a pep rally, followed by a march

through the neighborhood ending at Richmond Towers. Refreshments will be served.

Last Orange will celebrate the event with a ceremony at Arcadian Gardens public housing complex at 4:45 p.m. For additional information on the East Orange event call 201-266-5070.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and

participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations, send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Help make your community to fight back. For information on the Plainfield event call Ronald Stroehman 908-753-3038 or Councilwoman Elizabeth Urquhart at 908-561-1158.

## NFBP to hold housing symposium

**NEWARK**—The Newark Fighting Back Partnership, NFBP, Housing Committee will be sponsoring a Housing Symposium on July 30 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The symposium will address one of the committee's many goals: positively impacting the sale and use of drugs in the housing complexes of Newark. The event will have public and private housing managers, their assistants and security personnel.

NFBP, a division of the Boys' and Girls' Club of Newark, Inc., funded primarily through grants from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is a city-wide effort to reduce the demand for drugs and alcohol in Newark. NFBP's mission is to build

the capacity of neighborhood residents and institutions to create a social environment which resists drug and alcohol abuse.

The symposium will include a panel discussion and break-out sessions to discuss solutions to problems facing Newark's housing complexes. Featured speakers include Carolyn Gibson of Gibraltar Associates in Boston, Mildred Hailey of the Tenant Management group at Bromley Health in Boston, and Glenn French, professional trainer and consultant. All are experienced low-income/public housing experts who are familiar with drug issues.

Registration is free and boxed lunches will be provided. For more information call 201-242-8200.

### BETTER LIFE NEWS

by Robert N. Taylor

Thoughts are powerful things. Indeed, it can be reasonably argued that the keys to financial success in virtually any endeavor are knowing what to do, knowing how best to do it and having the motivation to actually do it. But in order to be properly motivated for financial success, one must master the power of thought control.

Mastering this power is essential to succeed because our success is determined by our actions. But our actions are a direct result of our thoughts and beliefs. In other words, what you think and truly believe

will determine what you do. This is an inescapable law of nature. Thus, if you want to insure that you take the actions which can guarantee you a happy and financially secure life, then you must master the ability to control your thoughts. Here is how you get started.

**Adopt five primary goals in your personal and business lives:** These goals should be clear and written in 25 words or less. Of the five goals, three should be personal or family related and two should be business related. Without goals your life has no purpose. Read your five goals each and every day. This is a self-hypnosis technique which

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## Health Calendar

EVERY TUESDAY

**IRVINGTON**—Free WIC & Lead Testing 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. at the Irvington Health Dept. For pregnant and nursing women from birth to 5-years-old, lead poisoning and anemia children. Blood tests are free, walk-ins are welcomed.

**EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
**IRVINGTON**—Free Baby Clinic! Afternoon: Held at the Irvington General Hospital for newborns to 5-years-old. Call for appointment: 201-999-6652

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

**NEWARK**—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers. Call 201-565-0355 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-753-6401.

**ELIZABETH**—The Elizabeth Center for Planned Parenthood of Greater Northern New Jersey is offering a low-cost cancer screening for women over 40 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide pap test, cervical and breast exam and blood tests for anemia, cholesterol, Copein. For more info call 908-753-0304.

**CRANFORD**—The Domestic Violence Center's Choices, a support group for battered women, meets one evening a week and there are in existence since 1984. There are also support groups for men, Alternatives, and children, Coping. For more info call 908-275-0304.

TUESDAY JULY 5 THRU AUGUST

**LIVINGSTON**—The N.J. Eating Disorder Helpline will hold self-help group for persons with anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating problems. The group will meet throughout July and Aug. from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. To register call 1-800-624-2288.

WEDNESDAY JULY 27

**NEWARK**—Columbia Hospital will hold a pediatric screening from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the hospital's clinic area. All screenings are free and no appointment is necessary. For more info call Doris Gallo at 201-268-1414.

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## New Hope Baptist hosts a weekend of praise

**METUCHEN**—The New Hope Baptist Church will be hosting a family weekend on Saturday, July 30 to Sunday, July 31.

The weekend will begin with a gospel concert by The Great Expectations Choral New Hope Baptist Church, "A Night of Praise" will feature Keys of Faith, The Benders of Philadelphia, and All God's Children of Boston, MA, on Saturday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, at 10 a.m. the congregation will gather for the Annual Church Picnic, Metuchen, Rev. John Borders, III from the Morning Star Baptist Church of Mattapan, MA will be the speaker and special guests.

Everyone is invited to join New Hope on this special weekend for fellowship, food, family, friends and fun. For more information contact Marsha Pennyfeather of New Hope Baptist Church at 908-205-4653 or 548-1622.

## Black leadership in crisis

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- black sheriff. Many black elected officials publicly joined in this effort, but shortly thereafter, many of them or members of their families received political appointments from the party and reversed on supporting a black candidate. They have yet to come back and explain their actions to the clergy.
- Black leaders supported for county chairman, Tom D'Alesio who said, "he resented being in a room with nothing but blacks." With D'Alesio as executive and chairman, they gave us a rubber stamp government.
- In the 28th district, drawn to increase minority representation in the General Assembly, and predominantly minority, both representatives are white. This was done at Senator Rice's urging.
- A black has never held a position in the party higher than

- vice-chair, but never moves up.
  - A black Democrat has never held a position in Essex government higher than Register of Deeds, the most insignificant office in the county.
  - In Newark with a combined city and school budget of more than 1 billion dollars no black business in Newark has a major contract.
  - In Essex County with an ordinance requiring 25 percent of contracts going to minorities only 1/4 of 1 percent go to minorities.
- The statement went on to say that two thirds of all blacks in the State of New Jersey live in Essex County and are the Democratic party's most loyal constituency. Yet all it gives that constituency is tokenism.
- "We do not deny the right of black elected leaders to vote for whom they choose. We cherish that same right. However, we do question their judgment and over again we hear them talk about black progress, economic and political empowerment.

Our criticism is not of their right to choose but of their own judgment. How do you continue to tell young blacks to go to school, prepare yourself, be the best you can and go as high as you can, when you work to deny that to a black man, one of eleven children, raised on welfare, who went to school, got a master's degree, served as freholder, county administrator and who as mayor has erased a seven million dollar debt and cut taxes. They can not say Cooper is not as good or better than Giblin.

"We also question their silence when voting rights are threatened, the integrity of the voting process left in doubt and their complicity in calling a county committee meeting to select a nominee despite the upcoming trial regarding the election.

Black leadership is in crisis and because of this we request this be the theme for the upcoming Black Issues Convention. It is more relevant than any other issue affecting our community."

Minor appointed."

When it comes to calling for integrity in the political process, does Jackson only want integrity in one part of the system—the part he doesn't ascribe to, ask Rice?

Outside of Newark, said Rice, many other black and Latino officials supported the team of Giblin, Graves and Martinez over the Cooper team. Have they been continually attacked by Jackson for the choices as have black elected officials at all levels in Newark, he questions. Rev. Jackson does not reside in Newark, but continues to attack its leadership and its people for making informed decisions. Why? asks the Senator. Is it because he's doing his best to maintain dividend long enough to deliver control and leadership of Essex County government to the Republican Party, which has no real interest in the poor, working middle class or urban cities in this County? His statements imply that to be true, indicated Rice.

"Is this the same person who says blacks should support each other?" said Rice. Jackson has many African American supporters of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (NJIBC) both upset and confused.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

NEW YORK—Dianne Reeves will perform at S.O.B.'s, 204 Varick St. NYC. For more information call 212-243-4940.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

WESTBURY—The legendary Al Green and Ashford and Simpson will appear at the Westbury Music Fair at 9 p.m. For further info call 516-354-0890.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

NEWARK—"Garden Jazz" at the Newark Museum from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information and complete summer schedule, please call 201-596-6550. Hearing impaired please call TTY: 201-596-0555.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

EAST ORANGE—"Summer in the City" will present Jazz at the Plaza featuring such notable acts as Noel Porter, The Harpers Brothers, Winard Harper Quintet, Sherry Winston and Nelson Rangel. All Shows 8 p.m. For more information call 201-266-5147/5123. For hearing impaired call TTY-NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

NEWARK—Priority Restaurant will feature Saxophonist Joe Thomas and His Dream Band as they play laid back jazz that is reminiscent of the 40's and 50's with singer Cynthia Scott. For more info call 201-242-8012.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

NEWARK—The Dept. of Health and Human Services Div. of Recreation/Cultural Affairs will have "Music in Washington Park" from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Artist range from gospel to opera to Latin and R&B. For additional information call 201-733-6454.

NOW THRU JULY 30

NEW YORK—Zorro Restaurant Bar and Restaurant presents Saxophonist Bob Kindred, Pianist Bill Chavis and Bass Player David Finkel. For more info call 212-924-5182.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27-AUG. 14

MONTCLAIR—Actress, singer, and Newark native Melba Moore will perform in the Theatre's production of "Anything Goes" at Montclair State University Showplace. Shows are at 8:00 p.m. For tickets and information call 201-655-5112, ext. 1300.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

NEWARK—David Robinson and The All-Stars will be at Jasmine's, 31 Lock St. from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

EAST ORANGE—"The Dance Theater of Harlem Presents Dancers" will be featured as the guests for the Saturday Night Dance which is part of the Summer in the City program. 8 p.m. For more information call 201-266-5176/123. For hearing impaired call TTY-NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

NEW YORK—Manu Dibanga will be performing live at Central Park Summer Stage, Sunday "Playfield," 72nd St., mid-park off 5th Ave. The concert is free and open to the public. Gates open at 1:30 p.m. Manu Dibanga performs at 4:00 p.m. For more info, call 718-922-7171.

AUGUST 4-28

METUCHEN—"Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah" returns to The Forum Theater with show times Thursday through Saturday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908-548-0582.

AUGUST 4-31

BOUND BROOK—Artist David McGrail will be exhibiting a new series of paintings at the Palmira Gallery. For more information and times of the exhibits call 908-302-0515.

AUGUST 5-28

SOMERSET—"The Thirties musical 'An In-Believable'" will be performed at the Wilgates Theatre. Showtimes on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and info, call 908-873-2710.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

WATCHUNG—Acclaimed artist Renee Robles joins forces with jazz and classical pianist Vince DiMura in collaboration at the Watchung Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. Seats will be reserved by calling 908-753-0190, leave message if phone is unattended.

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## Plainfield library hosts Mid-Summer Art Festival

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will host a Mid-Summer Art Festival featuring local artists in a wide variety of media, in the months of July and August.

The series will kick off with a program for the entire family on July 27 at 2:00 p.m., with a presentation by Aaron Bateman, clothing designer and pin-ball machine artist. For the music lovers Eddie Wright, noted jazz musician and guitarist, will appear on July 27 at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m., a demonstration by Clarence Haslam, recent winner for sculpture in the Union County Senior Art contest and Exhibitor, will be held. Haslam will demonstrate

his technique for wood carving, from raw wood to finished piece.

The final event will be a program and concert by Yvonne Hopkins, opera Diva, who will once again sing for the enjoyment of her many friends and fans.

The programs are funded in part by the New Jersey Council on the Arts, Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

These programs are intended for all ages, young people are especially invited to attend. All programs will be held in the meeting room of the Plainfield Public Library. For more information call 908-757-1111.

## The Trammpos to perform at Club Bené

SOUTH AMBOY—The Trammpos, the premier disco dance group, will be bringing their dance party to Club Bené, Dinner Theatre on Saturday, July 30. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and performance will begin at 10 p.m.

Originally from Philadelphia, The Trammpos were formed in 1972. Their unique blend of beats, catchy melodies and vocal harmonies embodied the essence of the style that grew to define an era.

The group received such honors as Best Disco Album, Best Disco Artist, Best Disco Single and Best Disco Unreleased.

The release Disco Inferno, an over 10 minute dance marathon, put The Trammpos over the top, earning their first gold album and the title track served as the disco party anthem of the 70's.

The Trammpos then won their first Grammy for Best Album for the soundtrack of the hit movie Saturday Night Fever, starring John Travolta. The album also won Best Selling Soundtrack and became the number one Best Selling Double Album in music history.

For more information or for reservations call Club Bené at 908-727-3000.



The disco dance group The Trammpos will perform live at Club Bené, Saturday July 30.

## As I see it

(Continued from page 4)

Meanwhile, the Newark community is as upset over the pending takeover by the Department of Education as it is about the still unsettled power struggle between Essex Democratic chairman Tom Giblin and East Orange Mayor Candell Cooper who will finally emerge as the party nominee for county executive.

Unfortunately among some Newark "leaders" the school takeover is viewed as "racist, political" and worse. Black people who feel children are shortchanged by the system are the "enemies of the people."

Bull. If the schools are not functioning as they should, and they are not, takeover may not solve all the problems but it may help. If parents are too uninformed or lazy or disinterested in attending PTA meetings find out what's happening—then the state should step into that void by taking over the system.

State officials have requested the attorney general to investigate specific "possible criminal irregularities." They have nothing to do with racism and politics.

The Newark school system has been floundering in a sea of mediocrity for 10 years and is apparently still unable to get its act together. Is this racism or politics?

Allegations have surfaced that vendors who do not contribute to the "Executive Superintendent's Scholarship Fund" experience difficulties in their dealings with the board of education and in some cases went bankrupt. Is this racism or politics on the part of the state?

In recent weeks Newark Mayor Sharpe James has spoken out against the school takeover. This is surprising in view of the mayor's past histo-

ry.

He was a teacher in the system and should remember it began to deteriorate "way back then. He was also a faculty member and administrator at Essex County College and should remember how much money had to be spent on remediation before his students could cope with a college curriculum. His wife was also a teacher in Newark before taking her present job with the state of New Jersey.

Newark schools, administrators, teachers, students and parents have led a charmed life for years and there has been no appreciable improvement.

The system went from an appoint board to an elected board with no significant difference in management or student achievement.

The same complaints voiced in the administration of Gov. Richard Hughes in the 1960's are heard today. And we've been through a lot of governors and State Commissioners since those days.

Board after board after board have talked about "reform." Ditto school superintendents. The one who came closest to "reform" was Dr. Columbus Salley who was sweeping out the misfits and trying to get the board of education to understand its role when they were persuaded to get rid of him. Salley didn't get mad, he got even by making his price tag so high he left Newark schools and all of their problems a very rich man who has become an even richer entrepreneur.

A takeover will surely not solve all of Newark's school problems. But why should it not be willing to give them 10 years to try. New Jersey is an equal opportunity state or is it?

## ATIMEOUT



NEW YORK—Manu Dibanga, the 'Godfather of African Soul', returns to the U.S. music scene Sunday July 31 at the Central Park Summer Stage performing his latest release *Wakafrika* on Giant Records. *Wakafrika* features new versions of some of the best known African hits. On CD, Dibanga is joined by the most prominent figures in world music, including Peter Gabriel, Sinead O'Connor and Ladysmith Black Mambazo.



Since the death of her parents, 17-year-old Julie Pierce (Hilary Swank) has directed her anger in all the wrong places. She's angry at her grandmother, at the violent all-male "posse," that harasses her at school, and angry and confused at herself as she struggles to become a woman. Enigmatic karate teacher Mr. Miyagi (Miyagi (Miyagi) Morita) takes Julie on an odyssey which allows the girl to reclaim not only the strength to defeat her foes, but the strength to be herself in *The Next Karate Kid*.

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EVERY FRIDAY

**PLAINFIELD**—Compliance for Small Businesses' United National Bank's Community Education Center will be offering a course on Form 9 which is necessary to legally employ people in the U.S. 8:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Instructor will be Tony Papas, Supervisory Special Agent, U.S. Dept. of Immigration. For more info call Dorothé Polars 908-756-0000.

THURSDAY JULY 28

**UNION**—Effective Purchasing and the Small Business Owner—How to Buy Products & Services is the topic of the July "How To" workshop presented by Air Services Development Office & the Kean College Small Business Development Center. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info call Dallas Everett 908-527-2946. Free!

SATURDAY JULY 30

**IRVINGTON**—The B.U.A.A.C.C. NJ will hold its annual summer Economic Development Summit at Brokers from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more info. contact Wayne Smith at 201-971-4518. Special discounts available.

SUNDAY JULY 31

**BROOKLYN**—A new company is being introduced, Jones, Johnson, Maddox and Associates, Inc., JJA & Associates, Inc., at the Simmons Collection African Arts Museum located at 1083 Fulton St. from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more info, call 212-978-9860 or 718-230-0933.

AUGUST 2 AND 9

**GLASSBORO**—The Management Institution of Rowan College is offering a two part Lotus AMI PRO computer training course from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. part one will be held on the second and part two will be administered on the ninth. For more info, contact Lori A. Brunker at 609-256-4189, 4186 or Pat Alexy Strohl at 609-256-4189.

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# CITY BUSINESS

## Attacks on the great Summit

by Dr. Conrad Worrill

From my travels, long conversations, observations and as an active participant in the black movement in America, for more than 25 years, it is my opinion that the majority of African American people support the idea of diverse African American organizations and leaders working together toward solving many of the fundamental problems we face as a people.

Regardless of ideological persuasion, I think that most African Americans, just from a standpoint of common sense, believe it would be far better for our race if our leaders and our organizations worked together, as opposed to working against each other.

This is the spirit by which most invitees participated in the National African American Leadership Summit, sponsored by the NAACP, under the leadership of Dr. Ben Chavis in Baltimore, MD, last month.

However, there are some people in our race and outside of our race who don't share the overwhelming view of most African Americans; that the broad segment of African American leaders and organizations should work closer together in efforts to create strategies that will help alleviate some of the acute problems that exist in the African-American community.

One of the attacks on the summit was from syndicated columnist Carl T. Rowan. The headline of his col-

umn read: "Leaders Satisfy Their Egos in Naïve Stab at Consensus."

Rowan, whom I did not observe covering the summit, said in a most arrogant and insensitive way that "The NAACP does not need to finance the unproductive chatter of 75 big egos; it needs to pay 75 wise and persuasive people to jawbone President Clinton and key members of Congress who will push through the laws that will help the 32 million black Americans."

I am sure Rowan is aware that African-American leaders have utilized the strategy of challenging the government, and its laws, for more than 150 years. During particular epics in history there have been some successes with this strategy.

However, it should be clear to all conscious thinking African Americans that we need more than one strategy. And by the way, for the record there were more than 85 participants in the summit who paid their own expenses.

Another attack on the summit by an African-American syndicated columnist was an article written by William Raspberry. The headlines of this article read: "NAACP Must Build on its Past Success For a Stable Future."

Raspberry, whom I did not observe covering the summit either, reveals his limited political understanding of what's in the best interest of African-American people when he writes: "The black leadership's grasping for a unity that embraces the

controversial Farrakhan is, at one level, an echo of the search for a black-Jewish coalition that excludes him. Both are attempts—doomed it seems to me—at building coalitions first and deciding on programs second. Whether the objective is to recreate black unity or to restore an earlier alliance, meetings to discuss coming together are a poor substitute for doing something together."

There is a simple response to Raspberry on this issue. The Jewish people he is referring to, have done quite well in the world by promoting Jewish unity on the critical issues affecting Jews. And they have done this through their own diverse organizations and leadership meeting together in their own summits. Enough said on that point! Clarence Page another African-American syndicated columnist attacked the summit also with much of these same arguments. I did see Clarence briefly covering the summit.

Time and Newsweek magazines also got in on the attacks on the

summit. The Newsweek article written by a white writer, Jose Klein, headlines read: "Grieving For The NAACP: Benjamin Chavis has betrayed his organization's historic mission."

The betrayal seems to be only that the NAACP summit invited Min. Farrakhan. And for this Klein writes: "But it would require a spokesman able to see past the arid, trendy, group based entitlement politics of the moment. Ben Chavis clearly is not the man."

Most ethnic groups in America, and clearly the Jews, have practiced "Group based entitlement politics" to the advancement of their particular ethnic group. Why not African Americans?

And finally, African American Newsweek writer, Sylvester Monroe, got in on the act. The headlines of his article exclaimed: "The Risky Assocation: A bold strategy to revitalize the NAACP could lead to disaster for

the civil rights group and its leader."

Again, the disaster seems to be the invitation of Min. Farrakhan. How absurd!

In the National Black United Front's (NBUF) constitution adopted in 1980, it states the following: "It is vitally important that our respective organizations, clubs, political factions, and individual leaders recognize that none of us (singularly or by ourselves) represent the Black community. The best a particular organization or leader can claim is a particular constituency within the Black community. Collectively considered, however, the various groups and individuals can begin to approximate the general will of the Black community, and more reasonably hope to represent the total Black community."

This was the purpose of the summit and we must not be side-tracked by these kinds of attacks. The summit was a great success!

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**FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF MATERIALS**

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following material:

**ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**B-0522-1 PLUMBING SUPPLIES**

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Pre-bid conferences will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, first floor conference room (G106).

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK**  
Harold Lucas  
Executive Director

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**ROOF REPLACEMENT**  
**AT PROJECT N.J. 2-25**  
**JAMES C. WHITE MANOR**  
**BID #B0459-2**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY** will receive sealed bids on Tuesday, August 8, 1994, at 10:00 A.M., at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey for Proposed Roof Replacement at Project N.J. 2-25 James C. White Manor.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A pre-bid Conference and project walk through will be held for all bidders at the site on Wednesday, July 27, 1994 at 10:30 A.M. at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103.

Proposed forms of Contracts Documents, including Specification are on file and available at the Contracts Office of the **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**, 07103, (201) 430-2356, Invitation No. **NHA B04060-2**.

Bids shall be submitted to:  
B0459-2 Roof Replacement at New N.J. 2-25 James C. White Manor  
Jose Martinez, Contracting Division  
Newark Housing Authority  
57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103

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**PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND:**

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**HAROLD LUCAS**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**ROOF REPLACEMENT**  
**AT PROJECT N.J. 2-21E**  
**SETH BOYDEN ELDERLY**  
**BID #0460-2**

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY** will receive sealed bids on Tuesday, August 9, 1994, at 11:00 A.M., at 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey for Roof Replacement Project N.J. 2-21E SETH BOYDEN Elderly. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK**  
**FOR ATTRITION UNIT VACANCY REDUCTION PROGRAM**

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

**ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**B-0523-1 RANGES AND ASSOCIATED PARTS**

**ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.**  
**B-0524-1 REFRIGERATORS & ASSOCIATED PARTS**

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Pre-bid conferences will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, first floor conference room (G106) and second floor conference room.

**ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR RANGES AND ASSOCIATED PARTS B-0523-1 AT 2:00 P.M. FOR REFRIGERATORS & ASSOCIATED SUPPLIES B-0524-1**

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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**RENOVATION DESIGN AT NJ 13-1 SPEER VILLAGE**  
**AND NJ 13-2 VREELAND VILLAGE**  
**RFP #3**

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) is inviting qualified Architectural/Engineering Firms to submit proposals to investigate condition and design improvements to miscellaneous windows and kitchen cabinets at NJ 13-1 Speer Village, NJ 13-2 Vreeland Village.

The proposals will be opened at 12:00 noon prevailing time on **AUGUST 31, 1994** in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07055. **No Late Proposals will be accepted.** Interested firms may obtain specifications at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07055 or by calling G. M. Russo at (201) 365-4347.

A voluntary pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 AM on **AUGUST 17, 1994**. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive any informalities. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

**G. M. RUSSANO**  
PURCHASING AGENT

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO BID**

A Bid Committee of the City of Plainfield will receive sealed bids at a meeting to be held in the Library of City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, August 8, 1994 for:

#2 Diesel Fuel Heating Oil  
One 1995 twenty cubic yard dump pumper truck with radio.  
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Specifications and proposal forms on which you must be submitted, are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061 (908) 753-3211. Monday through Friday, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The Bids may be hand delivered or mailed, but any late bids received after the time at which the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informalities in the bids or to accept any bid as it shall deem to be the best interest of the City of Plainfield.

**RICHARD V. RENGIA**  
PURCHASING AGENT

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**SITework AND UNDERGROUND PIPING IMPROVEMENTS**  
**AT NJ 13-2 VREELAND VILLAGE**  
**RFP #3**

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) is inviting qualified Architectural/Engineering Firms to submit proposals to plan and design sitework and underground piping improvements at their facility NJ 13-2 Vreeland Village.

The proposals will be opened at 12:00 noon prevailing time on **AUGUST 24, 1994** in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07055. **No Late Proposals will be accepted.** Interested firms may obtain specifications at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07055 or by calling G. M. Russo at (201) 365-4347.

A voluntary pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 AM on **AUGUST 10, 1994**. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals and to waive any informalities. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

**G. M. RUSSANO**  
PURCHASING AGENT

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO BID**

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**SECURITY GUARD SERVICE**

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PURCHASING AGENT

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Housing Authority of the town of Bonton, New Jersey (BHA) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for provision of modern and efficient ranges and refrigerators. It is the intent of BHA to enter into competitive negotiations based upon the results of the evaluation of submitted proposals.

The authority is a small PHA consisting of 474 units of family and elderly apartments. The criteria for evaluating proposals will be based upon items set forth in the RFP documents; an award will be made to the most responsible proposal which in the judgment of the PHA affords the best value to the agency and residents.

Proposals will be opened on Tuesday, August 16, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the administrative office of the Housing Authority of the town of Bonton, New Jersey 07005 at which time the process of evaluation will begin. **NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Interested firms may obtain a copy of the RFP at 135 Chestnut Street, Bonton, New Jersey 07005, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or by contacting Mrs. Katherine Letourneau (201) 335-0846.

All proposals must be enclosed in properly sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of firm and title of the proposal contained therein.

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**MARK W. CARY**  
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## Bradley picks Harris

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skills, unquestionable integrity and tremendous foresight and sensitivity. All of these qualities have defined the career of David Harris."

In May, Harris met with Senator Bradley for an interview, two months later he became a candidate for a seat on the federal bench. Harris, who had not seen the official copy and the letter was deeply honored to have been recommended.

"I am ecstatic. This is something I wanted for a long time and quite frankly, I think it was possible. I don't think I had the kind of contacts that would result in my ever being nominated. I was surprised to find out they were really interested in the qualifications of the individuals and they really scrutinized them and that was pleasing to me."

The attorney has served more than fourteen years as a litigator, is a partner

in the law firm of Lowenstein, Sandler, Kohl, Fisher, and Boylan in Roseland where he is the firm's director of litigation. He also received votes of confidence from Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ).

"I fully support Senator Bradley's choice of David Harris for a federal judgeship in New Jersey. David Harris will make an excellent federal judge. He's exceptionally bright and is a man of deep integrity and conscience. Even while developing a demanding career as a trial lawyer, he's taken time to participate in committee affairs and work for racial equality and civil liberties."

Lautenberg is also supporting Judge William Wells, NJ Supreme Court, for the other vacancy on the federal bench, if Harris and Wells are appointed, they will become the first African-American males to serve on

the federal bench in the state of New Jersey. There is currently an African American woman on the bench, Judge Anne Thompson, 1979.

The approval process could take sometime. Harris must first be cleared by the FBI's background check, his qualifications will be reviewed by the ABA, then he will appear before the Senate where a vote will be cast. If approved he will be sworn in by President Clinton.

Harris, a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law in 1979, is admitted to practice law on the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Supreme Courts, the District Court District of N.J., the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third, Fourth and sixth Circuits, and the U.S. District Court for E. District of N.Y.

## What are black Americans doing?

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The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees says that the 240 tons of food being made available each day adequately feeds only 10 percent of the Rwandan refugees. U.S. President Clinton recently authorized \$ 14 million in relief aid for the Rwandan refugees.

The Rwandans seeking refuge are fleeing the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) rebels who have destroyed the Hutu government troops. The RPF was formed by Tutsis who once dominated the tiny Central Africa nation, but escaped north to Uganda after thousands were massacred in Hutu uprisings in 1959 and 1963.

Many of the then, Tutsi refugees, were recruited into the Ugandan rebel

army, where they gained guerrilla training and combat experience. The RPF launched its first attack on the Hutu government in 1990, but were repelled by French troops that came to the government's aid. A peace treaty in August 1993 was supposed to end the fighting and join both sides under a unified government. But the rebels remained armed for insurance.

On April 6, President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, was returning from talks in Tanzania aimed at ending ethnic violence between Hutus and Tutsis when his plane mysteriously exploded on approaching the capital city's airport. Hours after the crash, the government's militia went on the rampage with attacks that have

left up to 500,000 dead, according to United Nations estimates.

Rwanda and its people offer no mineral resources or tangible wealth to the Western world and therefore their plight has not brought about any massive movement of political or financial help from First World powers.

Williams feels that Black Americans have allowed themselves to be caught up in the "benign neglect" of European leaders. "We don't seem to be able to move on our own to help our own. This situation looks like the rest of our lives in this country, if the white man don't make it happen for us, then it just doesn't happen."

## Think and grow rich

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and reviewed daily along with the goals.

**Motivate yourself:** This will be easy if you always remember that motivation is a dialectical process: A unity of two forces which are in some way opposites of one another. In the case of motivation, the two forces you will employ are pleasure and pain. On one hand, you will write down the key pleasure or satisfaction you will receive if you take actions to achieve your goal. On the other hand, you write the chief pain or negative which will befall you if you fail to take actions to achieve your goals. These pleasures and pains are to be reviewed every day. They are to be placed in strategic locations around your house in order that you can be constantly reminded of the need to take action.

**Do something each day:** Always remember this mantra: "I will get the most out of life by endeavoring to get the most out of each day."

Thus, no matter how small, do something each day which brings you a step closer to your goal. Operate from a daily "Things to do" list and include on that list at least two tasks which are specifically designed to help you realize your primary goals.

**Associate with beneficial people:** We are social animals and as such there is a limit to what we can accomplish in life without the aid of others. Thus, bring into your life people who can be beneficial to your

goals. Few things can retard success and happiness like being locked in relationships with others which waste your time and drain your energy. You must reduce the number of such relationships in both your business and personal lives. Instead, seek win-win relationships in which both you and the other receive benefit.

**Finally, get the right information:** There is virtually nothing you can attempt which someone else has not already done or is currently trying to do. Benefit from the experiences of others. Read self-help journals and wealth building newsletters.

## Rice accuses Jackson

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fused, not only by his statements that are untrue in many instances and contradictory in others, but because he threatens or encourages community members to boycott the '94 NJBIC. This call for boycott, which is actually unrelated to the Convention itself, is based on Jackson's apparent belief that NJBIC's Chairman has no personal right to support the candidate of his choice, Rice said.

"Has he ever threatened to boycott the NAACP for not getting involved in some of the questionable politics of the A.M.E. Conference, I think not. It would not be proper unless he had real, solid facts to justify such an action," continued Rice.

"It is clear to me and many others, black, Latino and white, that neither Giblin nor Cooper's ability to be County Executive, or blacks supporting blacks is the issue that Rev. Jackson is really concerned about," insisted Rice. "The real issue is Jackson's concerns about his own leadership and the goals he plays with both Democrats and Republicans for whatever his self-interest reasons are. And his is a game of black and white politics when convenient. What he does works against not only African Americans in urban cities like Newark, East Orange, Orange and Irvington, but against people in general who reside in our County and state," said Rice.

According to Rice, in an effort to address this issue of division which

affects the community in general, he will reach out to Senator Richard Codey, Cooper campaign team chairman and friend to Rev. Jackson, to call a meeting including Codey, Rev. Jackson and United Clergy group as well as others at a neutral site. Rice said he wants to set the record straight and put the facts on the table, so the public becomes properly informed.

If such a meeting does not put an end to the lies being circulated about Newark's black elected officials, Rice said, he will attempt to meet with the A.M.E. Church Bishop to make the Conference aware of how at least one minister, if not others, is misleading the public and misrepresenting the A.M.E. Church.

## 'Thank you'

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she finds inspiring. Most importantly, she has succeeded against the odds to become a better woman and a finer human being.

I am not saying that I want to become the next Oprah Winfrey. However, the chance to learn from a woman who has seen and lived through it all would indeed put me on the road to future success, security and satisfaction.

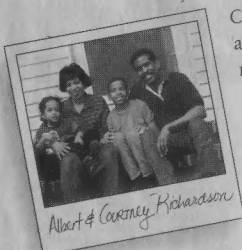
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## National News

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### Senate race

Virginia's first black elected governor and now candidate for the U.S. Senate last week rejected a White House call for him to drop out of the race. The message to L. Douglas Wilder was delivered by Vice President Al Gore. Wilder said, "I told the vice president I was committed to running. That is final, complete. The book is closed." Wilder was elected governor of Virginia in 1988 but state law allowed him to serve only one term. —RICHMOND, VA

### New York accused of failing to recruit black police officers

A new study shows that relative to the proportion of blacks in New York City's population, of the nation's 10 largest cities New York has the worst record of recruiting black police officers. New York's black population stands at nearly 29 percent. But only 11.6 percent of the police department is black. Congressional Black Caucus member and Brooklyn Rep. Major Owens said, "New York City has the most entrenched old boys network anywhere." Owens is chairman of a subcommittee on civil rights investigating the police department which has been hit recently by a series of corruption scandals. —NEW YORK

### Death row inmate Graham granted August 15 hearing

Gary Graham—the Texas death row inmate who many believe was wrongly convicted—has been granted an August 15 hearing for a lawsuit in which he is seeking clemency. Graham says he was wrongly convicted of a 1981 robbery-murder. And irregularities including several witnesses who place Graham in another location at the time of the killing have drawn national attention to the case. It has been profiled by "60 Minutes" and adopted as a cause by black actor Danny Glover. —AUSTIN, TEXAS.